

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ASUNCI 02861 152004Z  
ACTION ARA-14

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10  
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 ICA-11  
AID-05 HA-05 MCT-02 /080 W  
-----047734 161201Z /43  
R 142145Z JUL 78  
FM AMEMBASSY ASUNCION  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3491

C O N F I D E N T I A L ASUNCION 2861

EO 11652: NA  
TAGS: SHUM PINT PA  
SUBJECT: DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAINO CASE

REF ASUNCION 2832

1. AT FRENCH BASTILLE DAY RECEPTION JULY 14, FOREIGN MINISTER NOGUES BROUGHT AMBASSADOR TOGETHER WITH A DR. JUAN NETTO WHO HAD EXAMINED DOMINGO LAINO EARLIER THAT MORNING. NETTO STATED HE WAS ALINO'S FRIEND AND HAD HIMSELF BEEN IN POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE PAST. IN FRONT OF NOGUES, DR. NETTO SAID THAT LAINO WAS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION WITH NO OBVIOUS MARKS ON HIS BODY BUT THAT HE WAS IN VERY POOR PSYCHOLOGICAL CONDITION. THE AMBASSADOR LATER SOUGHT OUT DR. NETTO ALONE. HE SAID HE COULD NOT SAY THAT LAINO WAS IN GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION BUT NEITHER WAS HE IN BAD CONDITION. THE ONLY VISIBLE MARKS WERE FROM HANDCUFFS. HOWEVER, THE DOCTOR SAID HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO LAINO PRIVATELY. LAINO CLAIMED HE HAD BEEN FORCED TO STAND FOR MORE THAN 60 HOURS CONTINUOUSLY ALTHOUGH THE DOCTOR DOUBTED IT COULD HAVE BEEN THAT LONG. AMBASSADOR OBSERVED IT WOULD APPEAR THAT PSYCHOLOGICAL TORTURE WAS A REAL POSSIBILITY AND DR. NETTO AGREED.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ASUNCI 02861 152004Z

2. THE GOP ALSO TRANSFERRED LAINO TO TACUMBU NATIONAL PENITENTIARY JULY 14. THE POLICE REPORTEDLY SENT THE LAINO CASE TO JUDGE ANTONIO ESCOBAR CANTERO JULY 13 FOR PROCESSING UNDER THE 1975 "FEBRERISTA" CASE IN WHICH 13 PERSONS WERE TRIED UNDER LAW 209. JUDGE ESCOBAR THEN ORDERED LAINO TRANSFERRED UNDER PREVENTIVE DETENTION PROCEDURES. IN TACUMBU HE WILL BE ALLOWED VISITS BY

FAMILY AND OTHERS.

3. THE OPPOSITION CONTINUES TO ISSURE STATEMENTS CON-  
DEMNING THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS IN THIS CASE LABELING  
THEM AS ILLEGAL ACTS OF POLITICAL VENGEANCE. THE PRESS  
CONTINUES TO THOROUGHLY REPORT ALL ASPECTS OF THE CASE.  
WHITE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 jan 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** WELFARE & WHEREABOUTS, POLITICAL LEADERS, PREVENTIVE DETENTION  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 14 jul 1978  
**Decaption Date:** 01 jan 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 20 Mar 2014  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1978ASUNCIO2861  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D780292-0157  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** ASUNCION  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1978/newtext/t19780761/aaaabzel.tel  
**Line Count:** 69  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 581c9e73-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION ARA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 78 ASUNCION 2832  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 21 jul 2005  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2012441  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAINO CASE  
**TAGS:** SHUM, PINT, PA, (LAINO, DOMINGO)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/581c9e73-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Sheryl P. Walter  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
20 Mar 2014  
**Markings:** Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014